GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FREEDOM FIGHTERS PENSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by the Government for freedom fighters` pension during each of the last three years, as on date;

(b) whether pensions of many freedom fighters have been cancelled in the recent past;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the freedom fighters of Goa Mukti Sangram have not been provided any amount or pension, till date; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) The expenditure incurred towards freedom fighters pension, during the last three years, is as under:

Year	Expenditure incurred (Rs. In crores)
1998-1999	Rs. 177.79
1999-2000	Rs. 194.56
2000-2001	Rs. 234.55

(b) & (c) The number of cases in which pension has been cancelled during the period from 1.4.2001 till date is as under:

S.No.	State/UT.	Number of pensions cancelled
1.	Andhra pradesh	1
2.	Bihar	43
3.	Karnataka	3
4.	Madhya Pradesh	1
5.	Manipur	116
6.	Punjab	1
7.	Tamil Nadu	1
8.	Tripura	5
	Total:	171

The main reasons for cancellation of pension are furnishing of false information or production of forged documents.

(d) & (e): Goa Mukti Sangram (Goa Liberation Movement) is recognized as part of the freedom movement and the participants who fulfilled the eligibility criteria as laid down under the `Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme` have been granted pension.